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Civil cases among the Atayals [29] really amount to nothing more than contests about property and possession, the former between clans and the latter between families. ... Since there is no surveying and no fences, disputes about property lines are frequent and are difficult to decide. The Atayals have no written records. They do not know how to deal with the conflicting statements of different people, no matter how greatly they rely upon the testimony of eye-witnesses because of their great love of the truth... They do not consider it feasible to take the short additional step of determining a contested boundary line according to the testimony of the oldest people. They think this is too difficult and too uncertain in view of the importance of the matter.